

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Livestock Emergency Preparedness Series**

September 28, 2010 – Waterford, VA – Loudoun County Animal Care and Control, in partnership with Extension Services of Loudoun County, will be hosting a series of free educational workshops in October to help livestock owners prepare for emergencies.

"There are a wide range of emergencies or disasters that can affect livestock owners," noted Kim Miller, Loudoun County Chief Animal Control Officer. "As we found during the blizzard last winter, the best way for livestock owners to avoid catastrophe is to be prepared."

Each seminar will cover a wide variety of topics to help livestock owners prepare for many different types of emergencies that could affect their farms. Topics include: emergency planning for livestock, how to develop an emergency plan for a farm, necessary supplies for farms, community planning, managing during an emergency, and available resources. Attendees will receive a complimentary Livestock Emergency Planner.

Workshop dates are times are:

Thursday, October 14 – 7:00-9:00pm MARE Center, Conference Room 5527 Sullivans Mill Road, Middleburg, VA

Tuesday, October 19 – 7:00-9:00pm Loudoun County Extension Office 30-B Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, VA

Wednesday, October 20 – 7:00-9:00pm Lovettsville Community Center 57 E Broad Way, Lovettsville, VA

The workshops are free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Kim Miller, Loudoun County Chief Animal Control Officer, at 703-737-8913 or via email at <a href="mailto:Kim.Miller@loudoun.gov">Kim.Miller@loudoun.gov</a> or to Corey Childs, Extension Agent, at 703-777-0373 or via email at <a href="mailto:cchilds@vt.edu">cchilds@vt.edu</a>.

The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information can be found at <a href="https://www.loudoun.gov/animals">www.loudoun.gov/animals</a>.